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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNCTAD IV

REF: SECTO 13103

1. UNDER THE PRESSURE OF A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION WE HAVE FINALLY BROUGHT TREASURY AROUND TO ACCEPT THE MINIMUM PACKAGE THE GERMANS OUTLINED TO YOU INCLUDING COMMODITIES POINT FIVE AND DEBT ISSUE WITH INTERPRETATIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE CONSISTENT WITH GERMAN PROPOSALS.

2. THIS BRINGS US INTO LINE WITH MOST OF THE OECD COUNTRIES. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE UNDER PRESSURE TO MAKE MORE COMPROMISES WHEN THE OECD POSITION IS NEGOTIATED WITH THE LDCS. THE GERMAN DELEGATION AT NAIROBI HAS ALREADY MOVED WELL BEYOND THE POSITION DEVELOPED FROM YOUR MEETING WITH MINISTERS GENSCHER, FRIDERICHS AND BAHR. FOR A SATISFACTORY
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CONCLUSION AT UNCTAD IV WE MAY BE FORCED TO SHIFT TO

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POSITIONS ON COMMODITIES AND DEBT WHICH WILL REQUIRE
FURTHER NEGOTIATION WITH TREASURY.

3. I WILL LEAVE FOR NAIROBI TODAY AND WILL CARRY OUT
YOUR INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL TO WORK WITH GERMANS DIRECTLY
IN NAIROBI, KEEPING WASHINGTON ADVISED AS THE ISSUES
BECOME MORE CLEARLY DEFINED. WE WILL THEN HAVE TO
NEGOTIATE AGAIN WITH TREASURY TO ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY
ELEMENTS FOR A FINAL COMPROMISE PACKAGE FOR UNCTAD IV.

4. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH
SCOWCROFT AND WE AGREE THAT WE SHOULD DEFER THE DECISION
AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD GO TO THE PRESIDENT PENDING
CLARIFICATION OF THE FINAL ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED AT
UNCTAD IV AND TREASURY'S FINAL POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES.
WE BELIEVE THAT GOING TO THE PRESIDENT PREMATURELY WOULD
REDUCE OUR CHANCES OF GETTING A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION
OF TREASURY/STATE DIFFERENCES IN THE FINAL STAGE OF
UNCTAD IV NEGOTIATIONS.

5. THE IRB PROPOSAL HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GROUP B
PAPER, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH HAVE PUT IN ABRACKETED
ALTERNATIVE WHICH WOULD SUBSTITUTE A REFERENCE TO THE
IFC AS THE MAIN MECHANISM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
RESOURCES. WE EXPECT THE UNCTAD IV DECLARATION TO
INCUDE REFERENCE TO THE IRB AS A PROPOSAL WHICH SHOULD
BE STUDIED AND DEVELOPED IN OTHER FORA, PERHAPS IN THE
CIEC AND WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THIS CONCLUSION. ROBINSON

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